

The March number of the Australasian Bee Journal has come to hand. We regret to learn from it that Mr. Hopkins is still unable for duty, being, as Mr. Poole, the acting editor, says, "at present unable to read or use his pen." The interest in this journal under Mr. Poole's management is well maintained. It is stated that owing to the genial rains in February, honey was gathered during the whole of the month, and that there are good indications of a fair autumn yield of honey, which will enable the bees to gather a plentiful store of winter food. The present time is recommended as the best for painting hives, and the disinfecting of hives is strongly urged upon bee-keepers. As to the honey market, it is stated that there is little demand in Auckland, but a good demand for export in bulk exists. The discussion in respect to honey and glucose still goes on in Melbourne. Among the items of special interest to New Zealand bee-keepers, it is mentioned that a Swiss bee-keeper has found that common thyme has been proved to be a cure for foul brood. The thyme is gathered and dried in the usual way, then ground up, put into the smoker, and the smoke whiffed into the hive. This practised a few nights has cured hives of this fatal disease to bees. The cure is simple, can easily be tried, and is very likely to prove successful.